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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF TWENTY-FOUR MORE ACCELERATED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS VALUED AT \$1,548,000

The Department of the Interior today released funds which will launch another 24 Accelerated Public Works projects to stimulate employment. The new allocation totals \$1,548,000 and will be invested in 15 States on a variety of forestry improvements.

The Department said most of the work will begin within 30 days.

Approximately 2,200 man-months of on-site employment will be created by the newly approved projects. An equivalent amount is expected to be generated elsewhere in supplying materials and equipment.

Betterments to public lands, national parks, national monuments, wildlife refuges, and Indian reservations are included in the projects.

The Department thus far has received a total allocation of \$63 million in Accelerated Public Works funds from the Area Redevelopment Administration, which has overall charge of the program. All but approximately \$7 million now has been committed to specific Interior Department projects and the rest is expected to be earmarked soon.

The 24 projects included in today's announcements are in areas administered by four branches of the Department. The largest share--10 projects, valued at \$656,000--will be on reservations under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has eight projects, representing an investment of \$645,000; the Bureau of Land Management has five, totaling \$88,000. The National Park Service has one, involving \$159,000 in improvements.

Following is a description of the latest APW allocations on a State-by-State basis:

ARIZONA

Navajo Reservation

Work on several timber access roads is planned on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Apache County by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This project, valued at \$250,000 will provide 450 man-months of employment.

CALIFORNIA

Hoop Valley Reservation

Forests on the Hoopa Valley Reservation, near Humboldt, will be provided with increased protection against pests and fire, and will also be prepared for commercial, recreational, and related uses by the Bureau of Indian Affairs under a \$50,000 allotment. Ninety man-months of employment will result.

COLORADO

Ute Mountain Reservation

Forests on the Ute Mountain Reservation, in Montezuma County, will be selectively thinned and reseeded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This project, which also includes improvements designed to enhance the recreational, commercial, and ecological values of the timber stand, is valued at \$15,000. It will provide 24 man-months of employment.

Southern Ute Reservation

The Bureau of Indian Affairs plans similar forest improvement work on the Southern Ute Reservation in Archuleta County, valued at \$50,000. It will provide 90 man-months of employment.

Mineral and Huerfano

Two reforestation and seed collection projects valued at \$11,000 and providing 35 man-months of employment, have been scheduled in Huerfano, and Mineral counties by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dolores

Additional reforestation activity is planned in Dolores County by the Bureau of Land Management. This project, valued at \$17,000, will create an estimated 24 man-months of employment.

Mesa Verde National Park

The National Park Service will build new fireways and trails at Mesa Verde National Park, in Montezuma County. This \$159,000 project, which also includes reforestation work, is expected to provide 334 man-months of employment.

FLORIDA

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

A previously approved forest preservation project at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, in Jefferson County, will be enlarged. The new work, valued at \$75,000, brings the total investment to \$100,000. An extra 90 man-months of employment will be created. The project is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

GEORGIA

Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge

An additional \$60,000 for forest preservation work at Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge in Jasper County has been obtained by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The total value of the project now is \$90,000. The increase will provide 72 man-months of employment.

IDAHO

Elmore

The Bureau of Land Management plans improvements to the timber stand and construction of fire lookout and access road facilities in Elmore County, near Mountain Home. About \$50,000 will be invested in this project. The work involves 185 man-months of employment.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Woodlands National Wildlife Refuge

At the Kentucky Woodlands National Wildlife Refuge, in Trigg and Lyon counties, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife plans \$100,000 in forest preservation work. It will provide 120 man-months of employment.

LOUISIANA

Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge

Forest areas at the Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge, in La Salle County, will be selectively thinned and replanted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The project, valued at \$50,000, will provide 60 man-months of employment.

MAINE

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge

The investment in a previously approved forest preservation project at Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, in Washington County, undertaken by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, has been increased from \$100,000 to \$285,000. The additional work will create 217 man-months of employment.

MARYLAND

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Snag-felling and replanting is planned on forested areas of the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. This project, valued at \$75,000, will provide 90 man-months of employment.

MINNESOTA

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife will improve the timber stand on the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, in Marshall County, under a \$50,000 project. This work involves about 60 man-months of employment.

Grand Portage Reservation

The recreational, commercial, and ecological values of the timber stand on the Grand Portage Reservation in Cook County will be improved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This \$27,000 forest preservation and multiple-use development project will create 48 man-months of employment.

MONTANA

National Bison Range

At the National Bison Range, in Sanders and Lake counties, a forest improvement project will be undertaken by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Valued at \$50,000, it will provide 60 man-months of employment.

Carbon

In Carbon County, the Bureau of Land Management plans construction of fire breaks and trails. This \$12,000 project will provide 12 man-months of employment.

NEBRASKA

Winnebago Reservation

The Bureau of Indian Affairs plans several improvements to the timber stand on the Winnebago Reservation in Dixon and Thurston counties, including selective thinning, replanting, better fire control, and preparation of the area for recreational, commercial, and other multiple uses. This work, valued at \$35,000, will provide 61 man-months of employment.

OREGON

Warm Springs Reservation

A forest preservation and multiple-use development project is scheduled at the Warm Springs Reservation in Jefferson County. The work, to be undertaken by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is valued at \$100,000 and will provide 180 man-months of employment.

WISCONSIN

Potawatomi Reservation

The recreational and commercial potential of forested areas on the Potawatomi Reservation in Forest, Lincoln, and Marinette counties will be developed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs under a \$15,000 project which will provide 36 man-months of employment.

Mole Lake Reservation

Another forest preservation and multiple-use development project in Wisconsin is planned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Mole Lake Reservation in Forest County. It represents an investment of \$14,000, and will provide 34 man-months of employment.

Northern Wisconsin Reservations

A \$100,000 project has been approved, covering extensive improvements to the timber stand on the Northern Wisconsin Reservations by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This work involves 180 man-months of employment. It will affect forested areas in Burnett, Bayfield, Ashland, Sawyer, and Vilas counties.